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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITUATION - 0900 JULY 19

- 1. SITUATION APPEARS RAPIDLY TO BE RETURNING TO NORMAL. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING NIGHT OF JULY 18-19. MIXED (BLACK AND WHITE) MILITARY PATROLS AND CHECKPOINTS CONTINUE IN NATIVE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, BUT EVENING RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICULAR MOVEMENT ARE BEING EASED GRADUALLY. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NOW CIRCULATING NORMALLY WITHIN CITY PROPER AT ALL HOURS, BUT BEING BARRED FROM ENTERING MUCEQUES TO KEEP OUT POTENTIAL WHITE TROUBLEMAKERS. MANY MOVIE THEATERS REOPENED NIGHT JULY 18.
- 2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE "ONLY" THREE CIVILIANS DIED DURING PAST 24 HOURS AS RESULT OF INCIDENTS IN MUCEQUES, WHILE TOLL OF "ACCIDENT" AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS NIGHT OF JULY 17 WAS FIVE KILLED. (INCIDENT WAS RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL SHOT FIRED BY SOLDIER WHILE DISMOUNTING FROM TRUCK WHICH WAS MISINTERPRETED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTACK ON HEADQUARTERS.)

- 3. SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS FROM LISBON STILL HAVE NOT ARRIVED. ORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS OF ANGOLA (PREVIOUSLY REGARDED AS WHITE SEPARATIST ORGANIZATION) HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE REPUDIATING "EXTREMISTS;" HAS SENT DELEGATION TO LISBON TO URGE STEPS BE TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST SIGN OF LIFE IN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS IN WEEKS.
- 4. IN MOVE PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO CALM POPULACE HIGH COMMAND HAS ANNOUNCED ABOLITION OF "MILITARY INFORMATION POLICE" (PIM), SUCCESSOR TO DGS:PIDE INTO WHICH VIRTUALLY ALL DGS AGENTS AND FUCNTIONARIES (INCUDING FORMER DGS DIRECTOR FOR ANGOLA) HAD BEEN FOLDED. "INVESTIGATION" OF ALL DGS EMPLOYEES HAS BEGUN. INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION WILL NOW BE EXCLUSIVELY BUSINESS OF G-2.
- 5. LOCAL MEDIA HAS NOT CONFIRMED REPORT CARRIED ON VOA THAT HOLDEN ROBERTO ISSUED APPEAL ON ZAIRE RADIO JULY 18 (IN PORTUGUESE) TO ALL ANGOLANS TO RISE IN REVOLT. BRIGGS

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